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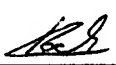
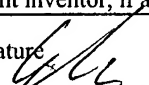
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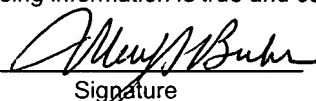
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WHEREAS, Hydac Filtertechnik GmbH, a corporation duly organized under the laws of Germany, located and doing business at Industriegebiet, 66280 Sulzbach/Saar, Germany (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention and the aforementioned application and any and all Letters Patent to be obtained on said invention and/or application;

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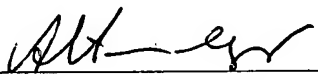
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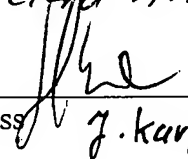
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